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§13–603.

(a) Before an organization listed in subsection (b) of this section may operate a gaming event or casino event, the organization shall obtain a permit from the Department of Permits and Development Management.

(b) (1) An organization that meets the conditions of paragraph (2) of this subsection may conduct a gaming event or casino event if the organization is a bona fide:

- (i) religious organization;
- (ii) fraternal organization;
- (iii) civic organization, including:
 - 1. a hunting organization;
 - 2. a social organization; or
 - 3. a sporting organization;
- (iv) volunteer fire organization;
- (v) veterans' organization;
- (vi) veterans' hospital;
- (vii) amateur athletic organization; or
- (viii) charitable organization.

(2) An organization that conducts a gaming event or casino event under this section shall spend a majority of the net proceeds from the gaming event or casino event for the following in the county:

- (i) purposes that benefit religious purposes;
- (ii) fraternal purposes;

- (iii) civic purposes;
- (iv) volunteer fire operations;
- (v) purposes that benefit veterans;
- (vi) purposes that benefit a veterans' hospital;
- (vii) purposes related to amateur athletics; or
- (viii) charitable purposes.

(c) (1) A permit to conduct a gaming event or casino event shall provide that only the members of the permit holder may manage the gaming event or casino event.

(2) A permit is not transferable.

(d) (1) An organization that obtains a permit may award a prize of money or merchandise using:

- (i) a paddle wheel;
- (ii) a wheel of fortune;
- (iii) a chance book;
- (iv) bingo; or
- (v) any other gaming device except:
 - 1. a card game;
 - 2. a dice game; or
 - 3. roulette.

(2) Except as provided in § 13-604 of this subtitle, a person may not:

- (i) operate a card game, a dice game, or roulette; or
- (ii) conduct a casino event.

(3) An organization that obtains a permit shall ensure that:

(i) an individual or group of individuals does not benefit financially from the holding of the gaming event;

(ii) an individual or group of individuals does not receive any of the proceeds of the gaming event for personal use or benefit; and

(iii) the gaming event is managed personally by the members of the permit holder.

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